Completion of Telecommunication Project in Orissa

581. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa had requested the Central Government to give priority to the completion of some telecommunication projects during the Sixth Five-Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the names of those telecommunication projects and how they were completed during the above plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) Following Telecom. Projects requested by Govt. of Orissa were completed duiring the 6th Five-Year Plan period;

I. Angul Exchange has been automatised and converted to 400 lines MAX-II.

II. Both Bhubaneswar MAX-I and Cuttack MAX-I have been expanded from 5000 lines to 6000 lines each.

III. Rourkela Plant Exchange has been expanded from 2100 lines to 2700 lines and Rourkela Township from 1200 lines to 1500 lines. Further expansion of Bhubaneshwar MAX-I from 6000 lines to 7000 lines has been planned for the financial year (85-86). Jeypore-Koraput-Vishakhapatnam Microwave system and Cuttuck-Dhenkanal-Sambalpur Microwave system are under installation.

Expeditious Delivery of Telegrams

582. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare a plan for expeditious delivery of telegrams in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Task Force has been consituated to draw up plans for modernisation of the telegraph network in the country for expeditious clearance of the majority of telegrams.

Commission of Drugs from Priority List

583. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "Times of India", dated 24th June, 1985 captioned 'An irrational Priority list';

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that most commonly used medicines having large sales turn over had been omitted from the priority list and other drugs meant for restricted hospital use and of very low sales turn over had been included;

(c) what was the purpose of drawing such a list;

(d) what is the annual sales turn over of Ether Anaesthetic, Halothane, Thiopental Lidocaine, Nitrous Oxide, Epinepbrine, Dextran, Hydralazine, Monotropine during the last three years year-wise, which have been included and also the sales turn over during the same period of such drugs as Analgin, Baralgon, Ketone, Destropropoxphene, Pheniramine Maleate Phenylbutazone Oxphenbutazone, Antiacids which have been excluded; and

(e) what are the criteria which justify such identification?